

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the Paragraph beginning at Page 8, line 20, with the following replacement paragraph:

b1 The method begins in step 60, where the SMS command processor 24 receives the SMS message 42 via the ~~SMTP interface 50~~ SMPP interface 26 according to SMPP protocol. The SMSC 10 forwards the SMS message 42 to the SMPP interface 26 based on the destination number 50. The SMS command processor 24 determines in step 62 whether the destination number 50 matches the assigned SMS command processor number; if the destination number 50 does not match the SMS processor number, the SMS processor 24 forwards the SMS message 42 in step 64.